

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 20, 2013

3 SENATE BILL NO. 276

By: Bass of the Senate

4 and

5 Dorman of the House

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8 An Act relating to absentee ballots; amending 26 O.S.
9 2011, Section 14-110.1, which relates to physically
10 incapacitated persons; modifying persons authorized
11 to make application for absentee ballot for
12 physically incapacitated persons; providing
13 limitations; and declaring an emergency.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2011, Section 14-110.1, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Section 14-110.1. A registered voter who swears or affirms that
18 the voter is physically unable to vote in person at the precinct on
19 the day of the election because the voter is:

20 1. Physically incapacitated; or

21 2. Charged with the care of another person who is physically
22 incapacitated and who cannot be left unattended;

23 may apply for an absentee ballot. Such applications may be made by

24 United States mail, ~~by telegraph~~ or by facsimile device as defined

by Section 1862 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or may be made

1 in person at the office of the county election board by an agent of
2 the voter. Such an agent shall be a person of the voter's choosing
3 who is at least sixteen (16) years of age and who is not employed by
4 or related within the third degree of consanguinity or affinity to
5 any person whose name appears on the ballot. No person may be the
6 agent for more than one voter at any election. The Secretary of the
7 State Election Board shall prescribe a form to be used for ~~said~~ the
8 application, although any application setting forth substantially
9 the same facts shall be valid.

10 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
11 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
12 declared to exist, by reason whereof this resolution shall take
13 effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

14 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES
15 February 20, 2013 - DO PASS
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